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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: Scott *et al.*
Our Ref: 1848.0060003

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2. Copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report in related PCT Application No. PCT/US00/00009;
3. Copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report in related PCT Application No. PCT/US00/02330;
4. Three (3) sheets of Form PTO-1449 listing twenty-nine (29) reference documents;
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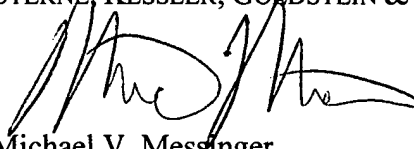
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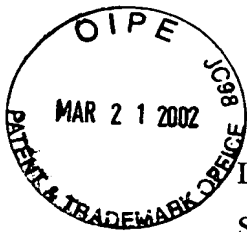
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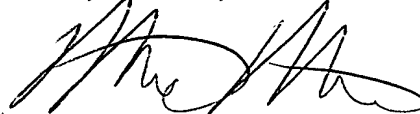
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